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[an input unit for operating the system;

a display unit;]

[a] at least one unit for generating source data in the form of audio data;

an amplifier unit for amplifying the source data;

al at least one speaker; [and]

a display unit;

an input unit for operating the sound system; and

a bus system assuring transmission among said individual units of the source data and control data for controlling said units;

said units being spaced apart from each other and at least a given one of said units other than said control unit having an associated memory representing a functional scope of said at least one given unit defining a variety of functions of said at least one given unit, said functional scope to be transmitted through said bus system to said control unit, and said transmitted functional scope to be used in said control unit at

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least partially ~~for~~ forming a functional scope of the entire system.

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Claim 20 (amended). A sound system for a house or an apartment, comprising:

a control unit;

[an input unit for operating the system;

a display unit;]

as
[a] at least one unit for generating source data in the form of audio data;

an amplifier unit for amplifying the source data;

at least one speaker; [and]

a display unit;

an input unit for operating the sound system; and

a bus system assuring transmission among said individual units of the source data and control data for controlling said units;

said units being spaced apart from each other and at least a
given one of said units other than said control unit having an
associated memory representing a functional scope of said at
least one given unit defining a variety of functions of said at
least one given unit, said functional scope to be transmitted
through said bus system to said control unit, and said
transmitted functional scope to be used in said control unit at
least partially for forming a functional scope of the entire
system.

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Claim 21 (amended). A method for defining a functional scope
of a sound system, which comprises:

providing a control unit, [an input unit for operating the
system, a display unit, a] at least one unit for generating
source data in the form of audio data, an amplifier unit for
amplifying the source data, at least one speaker, a display
unit, an input unit for operating the sound system, and a bus
system assuring transmission among the individual units of the
source data and control data for controlling the units;

providing the units spaced apart from each other and providing
at least a given one of the units other than the control unit
with an associated memory representing a unit-specific
functional scope of the at least one given unit defining a
variety of functions of the at least one given unit;